

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-33. (cancelled)

34. (**currently amended**) A lens holder for a device for inserting a deformable intraocular lens, the lens holder comprising:

two reinforced peripheral regions; and

an elastic backing support disposed between the two reinforced peripheral regions, wherein the lens holder has an open position and a closed position,

wherein when the lens holder is in the open position, the lens holder is configured to receive an intraocular lens in a relaxed state of the intraocular lens,

wherein when the lens holder is in the closed position, the lens holder is configured to hold an intraocular lens in an elastically deformed state so that it can be injected into an eye,

wherein the elastic backing support is in a relaxed state when the lens holder is in the open position, and

wherein the elastic backing support is elastically deformed when the lens holder is in the closed position.

35. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 34, wherein when the lens holder goes from the open position into the closed position by bending the elastic backing support from the relaxed state of the elastic backing support to the elastically deformed state of the elastic backing support.

36. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 35, wherein when the elastic backing support is in the closed position, the elastic backing support forms a passage for accommodating a deformed intraocular lens.

37. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 36, further comprising an undercut at a transition region between the elastic backing support and each of the peripheral regions for retaining and guiding edges of an intraocular lens.

38. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 37, further comprising a spherical depression in the elastic backing support in order to accommodate an optical part of an intraocular lens.

39. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 38, wherein the elastic backing support has a tapered region at one end between the peripheral regions, and wherein the tapered region forms a guide for a push rod for transporting the deformed intraocular lens.

40. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 34, wherein when the elastic backing support is in the closed position, the elastic backing support forms a passage for accommodating a deformed intraocular lens.

41. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 40, wherein the passage formed in the closed position is narrower towards one of the passage's ends.

42. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 40, wherein the passage formed in the closed position of the lens holder has a snail-shaped cross-section at one of the passage's ends.

43. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 34, further comprising an undercut at a transition region between the elastic backing support and each of the peripheral regions for retaining and guiding edges of an intraocular lens.

44. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 43, wherein at least one of the undercuts is larger at one end of the lens holder in order to form an inlet portion for a haptic disposed on an intraocular lens.

45. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 34, wherein at least one of the peripheral regions has a recess so that when an intraocular lens is inserted, an edge of the intraocular lens is able to pass the peripheral region of the lens holder unhindered.

46. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 34, further comprising a spherical depression in the elastic backing support in order to accommodate an optical part of an intraocular lens.

47. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 34, wherein the elastic backing support has a tapered region at one end between the peripheral regions, and wherein the tapered region forms a guide for a push rod for transporting the deformed intraocular lens.

48. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 34, wherein the elastic backing support has a cross-section which constantly varies from a center of the elastic backing support out towards the two peripheral regions.

49. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 34, wherein the peripheral regions are connectable when the lens holder is in the closed position.

50. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 34, wherein each of the peripheral regions has a gripping element to make it easier to deform the elastic backing support.

51. (previously presented) The lens holder as claimed in claim 34, further comprising a catch element in order to position and retain the lens holder in a housing of the device for inserting a deformable intraocular lens.